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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

**FEBRUARY 24, 2009, HEARING
AGENDA ITEM 11 - MONTROSE AVENUE
TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

As requested by your Board, we have completed our traffic study along Montrose Avenue between Ocean View Boulevard and Verdugo Boulevard to address the concerns raised by Beverly J. Mendoza at the Board hearing of February 24, 2009.

The study took into consideration backups and delays of vehicles turning left, left-turn movements of vehicles, pedestrian activity, and the installation of an additional traffic signal. The study consisted of an analysis of traffic volumes, speed data, a review of the current collision history on file with the California Highway Patrol, a field assessment of the project site, and a review of all other pertinent data. Attached is our letter to Ms. Mendoza informing her of our findings and recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
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May 7, 2009

Ms. Beverly J. Mendoza
P.O. Box 102
Montrose, CA 91021

Dear Ms. Mendoza:

MONTROSE AVENUE AT GLENADA AVENUE TRAFFIC CONCERNS

We have completed our investigation regarding your concerns of sight distance, pedestrian crossing, and speeding on Glenada Avenue at its intersection with Montrose Avenue. Our study included an analysis of reported traffic collisions, 24-hour machine speed check measurements of vehicular speeds, and volumes along Glenada Avenue, field observations, and all other pertinent data.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be installing additional red curb along the east side of Montrose Avenue south of the intersection at Glenada Avenue. We have determined that installation of additional red curb will increase the visibility at this intersection for motorists and pedestrians to safely enter and/or cross the street without conflict or undue delay when using normal caution.

We considered traffic signals for the intersection of Montrose Avenue at Glenada Avenue. We do not recommend their installation since it is too close to the signalized intersection of Montrose Avenue at Florencita Avenue/Waltonia Drive. This conclusion is also based on Glenada Avenue being a dead-end street with low traffic volumes. There have been no reported collisions at this intersection in the last 5 years.

We reviewed the need for traffic signals at the intersection of Montrose Avenue and Mira Vista/Rincon Avenue and the warrants were not met. However, we do recommend that the existing marked crosswalk be enhanced with ladder-type markings and that additional signs be posted.

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We have also reviewed the traffic signal operation on Montrose Avenue between Ocean View and Honolulu/Verdugo Boulevard during the p.m. peak hour and found that the timing is working well at all of the signalized intersections. There was no queuing in the left-turn lanes, and all vehicles turning left were able to clear in every cycle.

It is unfortunate that you witness speeding on Glenada Avenue and that some motorists are not adhering to traffic laws and posted regulations. We have found that enforcement is the most effective means of traffic calming. Therefore, we will forward your concerns of speeding along with our speed data to the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Altadena office, for their review and enforcement. You may wish to contact the CHP Altadena office directly at (626) 296-8100. You may also report incidents of speeding to the automated response number at 1-800-TELL-CHP.

We completed a street lighting analysis on Glenada Avenue and on Montrose Avenue from Ocean View Boulevard to Florencita Avenue/Waltonia Drive. We have determined that the existing 13 street lights need upgrading and four new street lights will be installed on Montrose Avenue, and the existing four street lights on Glenada Avenue will be upgraded. We anticipate this work to be completed by Southern California Edison within the next 8 months.

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Tim Babich of our Traffic and Lighting Division, Traffic Investigations Section, at (626) 300-4793.

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER

Director of Public Works



 PATRICK V. DeCHELLIS
Deputy Director

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